



# CAVE TOUR INFORMATION

## MAY 24 - AUGUST 10, 2008



Tours are conducted by trained guides and are conducted at a leisurely pace. The guides encourage questions.

A light jacket is recommended and comfortable walking shoes with tread soles are encouraged as that some trail surfaces may be wet and slick.

**ALL CAVE TICKETS ARE SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER**

**X-CAVE, SALTPETRE CAVE, BAT CAVE, AND CRAWLING TOURS  
START PROMPTLY IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER**

**CASCADE CAVE TICKET SALES STOP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE TOUR.  
CASCADE CAVE TOURS START PROMPTLY FROM CASCADE CAVE AREA PARKING LOT.  
ALL CASCADE CAVE TOURS REQUIRE A SHORT DRIVE. TRANSPORTATION IS NOT  
PROVIDED TO THE CAVE.**

### ADMISSION FEES

**UNDER 3 YEARS ARE FREE WITH A GUARDIAN**

- **CASCADE CAVE TOURS: \$8.00 – (13 YEARS & ABOVE) \$4.00 - (3-12 YEARS)**
  - **X-CAVE TOURS: \$6.00 – (13 YEARS & ABOVE) \$3.00 - (3-12 YEARS)**
- **SALTPETRE CAVE TOURS: \$6.00 (13 YEARS & ABOVE) \$3.00 - (3-12 YEARS)**
  - **BAT CAVE WALKING TOURS: \$7.00 PER PERSON**
  - **BAT CAVE & SALTPETRE CAVE CRAWLING TOURS: \$20 PER PERSON**

### DIRECTIONS TO CASCADE CAVE

**Cascade Cave is 3.1 miles from the Welcome Center. Turn left out of the main parking lot. Turn right at the first stop sign onto Route 182. Travel 2 ½ miles, turn right onto Route 209. The parking lot is .6 miles ahead on the left.**

**ALL CAVES WITHIN THE PARK ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC EXCEPT THROUGH GUIDED TOURS OR BY AN ACTIVITY PERMIT. AN ACTIVITY PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR VISITS TO LAUREL CAVE & HORN HOLLOW CAVE WITHIN THE PARK. LAUREL CAVE IS CLOSED FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH APRIL DUE TO THE ENDANGERED INDIANA BAT. THESE TWO CAVES ARE THE ONLY CAVES THAT CAN BE ACCESSED BY AN ACTIVITY PERMIT. ENTRY INTO ANY OTHER CAVES IS AGAINST THE LAW. BY LAW, YOU MUST BE OUT OF THESE CAVES BY THE WELCOME CENTERS CLOSING TIME. THESE LAWS ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED. AN ACTIVITY PERMIT MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE WELCOME CENTER. PEOPLE IMPROPERLY EQUIPPED WILL NOT BE ISSUED A PERMIT. FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO VIOLATE THIS POLICY.**

**TOUR SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**

**CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK  
344 CAVELAND DRIVE, OLIVE HILL, KY 41164  
(606) 286-4411  
[www.parks.ky.gov](http://www.parks.ky.gov)**



## CASCADE CAVE

Cascade Cave is one of the largest of over 200 caves in Carter County and is noted for its large chambers and numerous cave formations. A highlight of the tour is an underground waterfall over 30 feet high. Although a short drive is necessary to reach Cascade from the main park, the inconvenience is most rewarding.

### --SCHEDULE--

#### Daily:

**9:30am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:30pm, and 4:00pm**

*Walking Distance: about 3/4 mile*

*Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes*

*Temperature: 50 - 60 degrees (variable)*

*Difficulty: Route includes about 225 stairs through the cave, easy walking, electrically lit.*

## SALTPETER CAVE

Discover a fascinating segment of Kentucky's history - underground. The Saltpeter Cave was used during the War of 1812 as a source of the major ingredient in gunpowder.

### --SCHEDULE--

#### Monday- Friday:

**11:00am, 1:00pm, and 3:30pm**

#### Saturday & Sunday:

**10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, and 4:00pm**

*Walking Distance: 1/2 mile*

*Duration: 1 hour*

*Temperature: 47-49 degrees (Jacket Recommended)*

*Difficulty: 30 Stairs leading into the cave, flat walking, some stooping, cave is dry & dusty, electrically lit.*

## X-CAVE

X-cave is the perfect example of two vertical joint passages that were carved out by groundwater in a large layer of limestone bedding. On this tour you can view many beautiful cave formations including the largest formation on the park, which stands over 30 ft tall. The cave gets its name from the configuration of its passages, which seem to cross in the middle to form the letter "X."

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**9:30am, 10:30am; 12:00pm; 1:30pm, 3:00pm, 4:30pm, \***

#### Saturday & Sunday:

**9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm, 4:30pm, \***

**\* 5:30pm on Friday & Saturdays**

*Walking Distance: About 1/4 mile*

*Duration: About 45 minutes*

*Temperature: 45-70 degrees (variable)*

*Difficulty: Route includes 75 stairs; narrow twisting passages and some stooping, electrically lit.*

## BAT CAVE

This is a **WILD** cave tour. Each person must have a dependable source of light. Some stooping and bending required. Be prepared to get your feet wet and dirty. This trip is not recommended for children under 6 years. The tour may be cancelled due to high water. Advance sign-up at the WELCOME CENTER.

### --SCHEDULE--

**Tuesday: 2:00pm**

**Thursday: 2:00pm**

**Saturday: 10:00am**

**Sunday: 10:00am**

*Distance: 2 miles*

*Duration: about 2 hours*

*Temperature: 55 - 60 degrees*

*Difficulty: Prolonged stooping & bending, muddy, slippery terrain, no electric lights, old clothes & shoes needed.*

## BAT CAVE & SALTPETER CAVE CRAWLING TOURS

On these tours you will get to see the wild, dark passages of these caves. The tours require hands and knee crawls through some of the dark and dirty passages winding through the caves. Saltpeter Cave tends to be dry and dusty, while Bat Cave tends to be wet and muddy. These tours are somewhat strenuous and not recommended if you are claustrophobic, have back problems, knee problems, or in bad health. The tours are 2 ½ hours in length and require you to wear long pants, long sleeve shirt & close-toed shoes. You must be 12 yrs or older to participate. Participants 15yrs and under must be accompanied by an adult. **Helmet, headlamp and kneepads will be provided for these tours.**

### Bat Cave Crawling Tours

**Sunday: 1:30pm**

**Monday: 2:30pm**

**Wednesday: 2:30pm**

**Friday: 2:30pm**

### Saltpeter Cave Crawling Tours

**Saturday: 1:30pm**

**Tuesday: 10:00am**

**Thursday: 10:00am**